

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2009. With this response, the specification and claims 1, 2, 5, 14, 17, 20, 21 and 23 are amended; new claims 24 and 25 have been added and all pending claims 1-7, 10-11 and 13-25 are presented for reconsideration and favorable action.

In the Office Action, the specification and claims were objected to. With this response, the specification and claims have been amended and it is believed that the objections may be withdrawn. Further, the independent claim has been amended and is directed to a "biometric sensor" and new claim 24 limits this to a fingerprint sensor.

Claims 1-7, 10, 11 and 13-23 were rejected under 35 § U.S.C. 112. This rejection largely related to the term "preferably". The claims have been amended and it is believed the rejection may be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejection claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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